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Commerce Committee

Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Daniel C. Esty
Presented By Deputy Commissioner Macky McCleary

Raised House Bill No. 6528 –AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN MARINAS

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding Raised House Bill No. 6528, which gives certified Clean Marinas priority consideration in applications for harbor improvement grants. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) offers the following testimony.

DEEP supports the intent of this bill, which is a laudable effort to incentivize best practices in marina operations. However, DEEP no longer has the resources to operate the Clean Marinas program, and we have not been accepting new Clean Marina pledges nor conducting certification reviews for over a year. Without additional resources, we will be unable to expand or maintain the roster of Clean Marinas that could take advantage of the opportunity this bill would offer. DEEP would be happy to work with the proponents of this bill to discuss alternative approaches that may allow the Clean Marinas program to operate on a sustainable basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact DEEP's legislative liaison, Robert LaFrance at 860-424-3401 or Robert.LaFrance@ct.gov.